

Habilitation Transfer from the Department of Rehabilitation to the Department of Developmental Services Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The Department of Developmental Services

- **What responsibilities will the Department of Developmental Services have in administering Habilitation services?**
 - Applies all rate setting policies and procedures
 - Sets, biennially, the maximum daily rates for Work Activity Programs
 - Establishes a maximum number of services days per year for WAPs.
 - Approve, in conjunction with the regional center, new SEP groups, and changes to existing groups.
 - Conduct analysis and notify regional centers of data findings regarding regulatory required service provider relating to:
 - ◆ Group size
 - ◆ Amount of time consumers are spending in paid work.
 - ◆ Data analysis will also be conducted on consumer wages.
 - Make recommendations to the applicable regional centers regarding service quality.
- **What services will the Department of Developmental Services provide?**
 - The Department of Developmental Services does not provide direct services, these are provided by regional centers.
- **What type of rate setting methodology (cost statement) will be used?**
 - The Department of Developmental Services will use the same methodology that the Department of Rehabilitation utilized unless the Department of Developmental Services and stakeholders work together to change the methodology.
- **Can the Department of Developmental Services forecast the impact of Order of Selection?**
 - No, however the Department of Rehabilitation will notify the Department of Developmental Services and the Department of Developmental Services will gather impact information from regional centers.
- **What role will DDS play in the day-to-day operations of the habilitation program at regional centers (i.e. will the department respond to client emergencies)?**
 - DDS will play an advisory role if requested.
 - Regional centers will respond to consumer emergencies.

- **What are the expectations of Habilitation services under the Department of Developmental Services?**
 - Expectations have not changed. DDS expects the same consumer outcomes of achieving paid employment and maintaining the highest level of vocational functioning.

New Question Added May 20, 2004

- **Is there a time-line set for DDS to update the IPPs?**
 - An IPP addendum indicating the consumer's need for habilitation services should be added to the IPP prior to authorizing the services, if such a goal does not already exist on the consumer's current IPP. A more thorough update of the IPP can be completed at the annual review.